Survey for gauge conversion of Bharuch-Vishawamitri rail line

4261. SHRI AHMED PATEL; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for gauge conversion of NG line of Bharaiich-Samni-Jambusar-Vishwamitri in the State of Gujarat has been completed;

(b) if so, by when the gauge conversion work on the said line will be started;

(c) whether funds have been earmarked for the work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This line has been covered in the proposed 3rd line from Ahmedabad to Virar.

The justification for the Third line is under examination.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Closing of Approach Roads For Anand Vihar Railway Station

4262. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are aware that both the approach roads for Anand Vihar Railway station are being closed by means of installing iron gates thereon resulting a lot of inconvenience/difficulties to commuters;

(b) whether these activities are being done in connivance of Railway authorities to prepare the ground for shifting the existing platforms some 200-300 mts. towards Tilak Bridge on the plea of approach roads; and

(c) what action have been taken to remove the iron gates and turn down the proposal of shifting the' platform as proposed by technical team of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The gates erected are not on Railway land.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the Civil authorities and the concerned residents association for removal of the gates. Railway has no proposal to shift the platform.

Escalators in Calcutta Metro Stations

4263. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) the number of escalators installed and in operation at the different stations of the Calcutta Metro System,

(b) whether net earnings of the metro system are not inhibited because of the lack of a larger number of escalators; and

(c) measures Government purpose to undertake to increase the number of installed escalators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) 32 escalators have already been installed at Calcutta Metro stations and are in operation.

(b) Net earnings of the Metro System ^re not inhibited because of lack of larger niJinber of escalators.

(c) 3 more escalators ar& expected to be installed by December, 1998.

Proposal to take over the Vocational Training centre at Railway Girls High School

4264. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have re viewed the proposal to take over the Vocational Training Centre at Railway Girl High School's North Lallaguda, Sec underabad for which the infrstructure costing Rupees four and half lakhs was earlier donated by the State Government as suggested by the South Central Rail way; and

(b) if so, the present status of the take over proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh Government introduced the vocational course at Secondary level in selected high schools during the year 1984. The Railway Girls High School, Secunderabad was one of such selected high schools where the State Government provided the infrastructure worth about Rs.2.5 lakhs and part time instructors for running the vocational course. The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided that the present arrangement of the vocational course being run by the Andhra Pradesh Government may continue.

Security inside the moving trains

4265. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether some Action Plan to deal effectively with crimes and blasting of bombs has been prepared by security directorate under the Ministry;

(b) wherther such a plan would ensure posting of at least four R.P.F./R.P.S.F. personnels in each coach from August' 98;

(c) whether the step as in (b) would ensure journey of railway passengers free from insecurity, robberies, thefts, entry of unauthorised persons and blasting of bombs;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether provision of security inside the moving trains is the basic responsibility of RPF/RPSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Railways has suggested an "Action Plan" in the meeting convened by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 8.4.1997 to review the measures taken to prevent crime, robbery, and dacoity in the train. The Action Plan and other. suggestions were communicated to the state Gbvemnients for taking appropriate action by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

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4266. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वातानुकूलित रेलगाड़ियों या डिब्बों में वाटर कूलर लगाए हुए हैं, यदि हां, तो इन वाटर कूलरों की संख्या और लागत का ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ख) क्या वातानुकूलित रेल गाड़ियों/डिब्बों हेतु वाटर कूलर खरीद में हुई अनियमितताओं के बारे में लोक लेखा समिति (ग्यारहवीं लोकसभा) की रेलवे बोर्ड के संबंध में तैतकीसवीं रिपोर्ट में उल्लेख किया गया है, और